

not be seeking high cost support.³ TruConnect will enroll customers using the National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier as required by the Federal Communications Commission.⁴

On June 10, 2020, the Commission issued a Public Notice soliciting comments regarding the petition. No comments were received. On July 21, 2020, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers filed a letter with the Commission recommending approval of the petition.

At an Open Meeting held on July 23, 2020, the Commission approved TruConnect petition finding TruConnect's petition for ETC designation solely for the purpose of providing Lifeline service to qualifying Rhode Island customers to be proper, in compliance with the federal and state requirements, and in the public interest.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(23869) ORDERED:

TruConnect Communications, Inc. is hereby designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier throughout its service area for receiving universal service support.

³ Pet. at 6.

⁴ *Id.* at 7.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON JULY 23, 2020 PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON JULY 29, 2020.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Ronald T. Gerwatowski, Chairperson



Marion S. Gold, Commissioner



Abigail Anthony, Commissioner

NOTICE OF RIGHT OF APPEAL: Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-5-1, any person aggrieved by a decision or order of the PUC may, within seven days from the date of the order, petition the Supreme Court for a Writ of Certiorari to review the legality and reasonableness of the decision or order.